recommendations in respect of items which should be reserved for exclusive production in the small scale sector are deleted from the list of reserved items. Decisions are taken on the basis of recommendations made by this Committee. On the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Government *vide* its Notification dated the 30th May, 1986, reserved 7 new items, de-reserved 14 items and made change in nomenclature in respect of 18 items.

(b) The following items were de-reserved as per Government Notification dated the 30th May, 1986:—

1. Indigo
2. Roofing tiles—plastic
3. Flooring tiles—plastic
4. Flooring tiles—glass
5. Glass tube
6. Glazed tiles upto 10 cms x 10 cms.
7. Nail cutters
8. Sheep shearing machine
9. Cooking ranges upto 4 hot plates/boiler plates with/without baking oven hot cases upto 4 k.w.
10. T.V. deflection components
11. Electronic cigarette lighters
12. Electronic flash guns
13. Hearing aids
14. Handles and locks—auto.

Among others the following criteria are kept in mind while considering de-reservation of items:—

(1) Industries where large imports are being allowed and/or where large scale smuggling may be taking place.

(2) Industries in high technology areas or those requiring greater impetus for promoting exports which should necessarily be of large size in order to reduce costs and be competitive internationally.

(3) Industries where because of constraints on size, the small scale sector is unable to ensure quality production and cannot induct modern technology.

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*247. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the various recommendations made by the Arjun Sen Gupta Committee on Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken on each of them;

(c) what progress has been made to implement the same; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 76].

(d) The report covers a number of important policy matters concerning Central Public Enterprises. The whole matter had to be examined in detail. This has naturally taken some time.